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USH-TOBE -- ILI SECTION OF THE TURKESTAN-SIBERIAN RAILROAD



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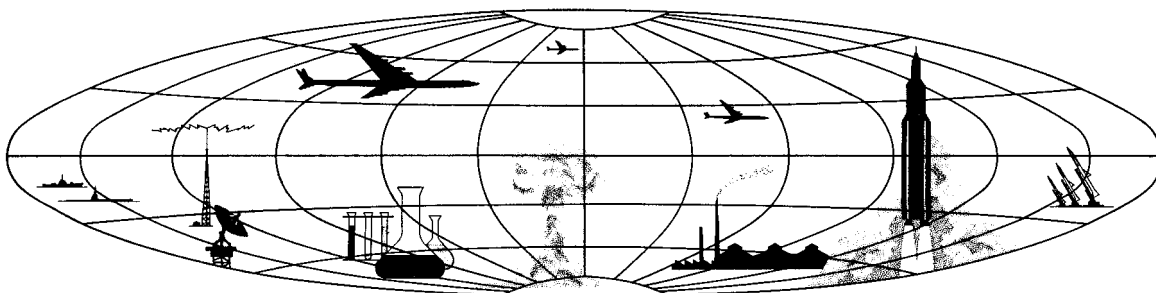
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SEARCH FOR GUIDED MISSILE ACTIVITY AND ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE
INTEREST ALONG THE USH-TOBE -- ILI SECTION OF THE
TURKESTAN-SIBERIAN RAILROAD

The 229-kilometer section of the Turkestan-Siberian Railroad, (Route 480) between Ush-Tobe (45-16N 78-00E) and Ili (43-53N 77-10E) was covered by excellent KEYHOLE photography [REDACTED] TALENT photography [REDACTED] covered approximately 80 percent of this area and provided comparative coverage.

The photography of the area was compared and studied primarily to locate and describe any unidentified, unusual installations that might possibly be related to guided missile activity, and also to locate and identify any items of intelligence significance.

In the approximately 8,000-square-nautical-mile area covered by the accompanying photomosaic, no unidentified unusual installations were observed that appeared to bear any relation to the Soviet guided missile program.

Items of intelligence interest were observed at the following locations. They are numbered to correspond to the numbers on the accompanying photomosaic.

LOCATION

ITEMS

1. USH-TOBE

RR station, yards and shops (see CIA/PIC/B-1004/61, Jun 61, S/Noform [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] Downgrading Prohibited). Agricultural machinery and repair plant. Meat packing combine. POL storage, 20 tanks.

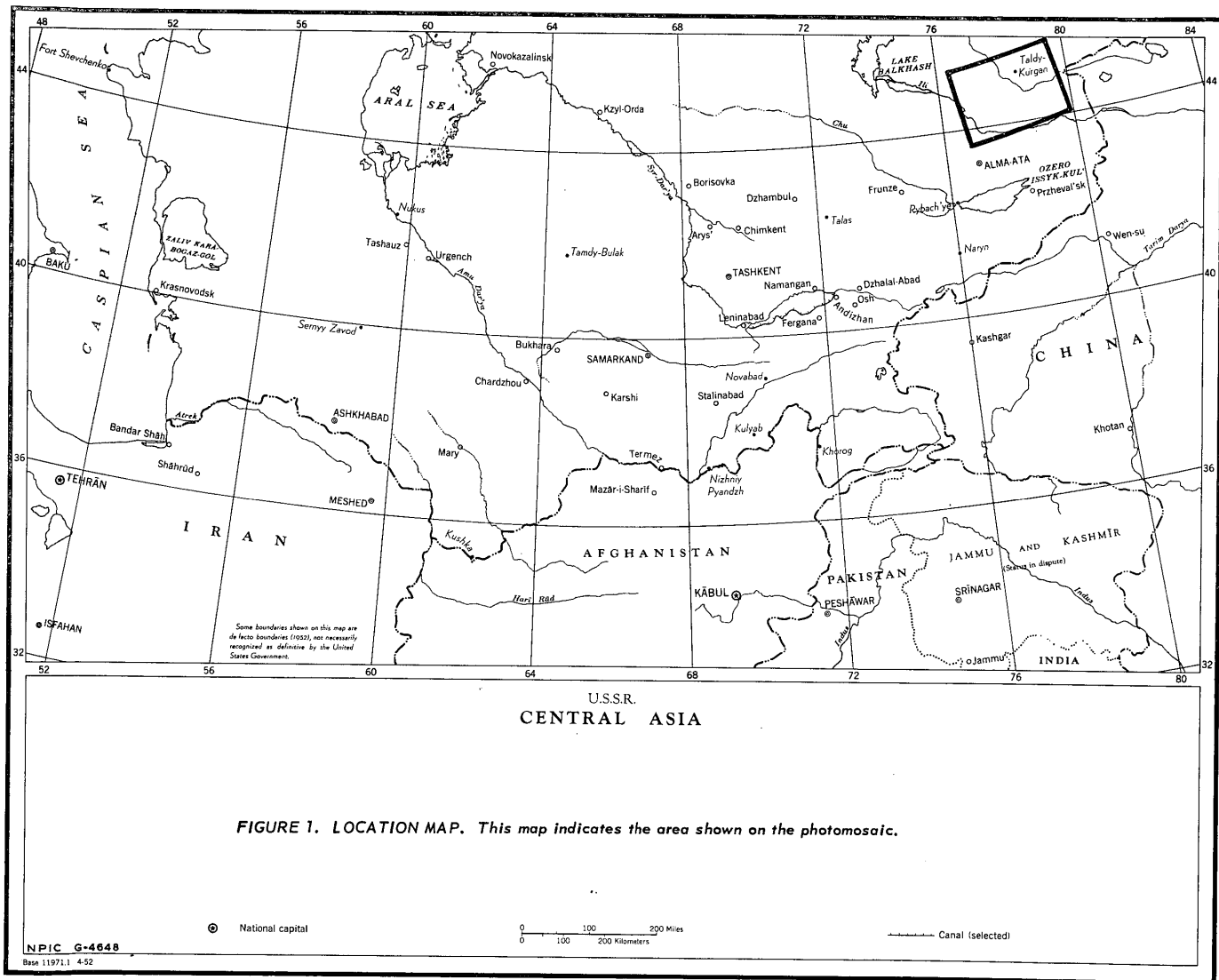
2. KIROVSKIY

Sugar refinery.

3. TALDY-KURGAN

Military barracks area. Civil airfield [REDACTED] sod-surface runway, 4,600 feet long [REDACTED]

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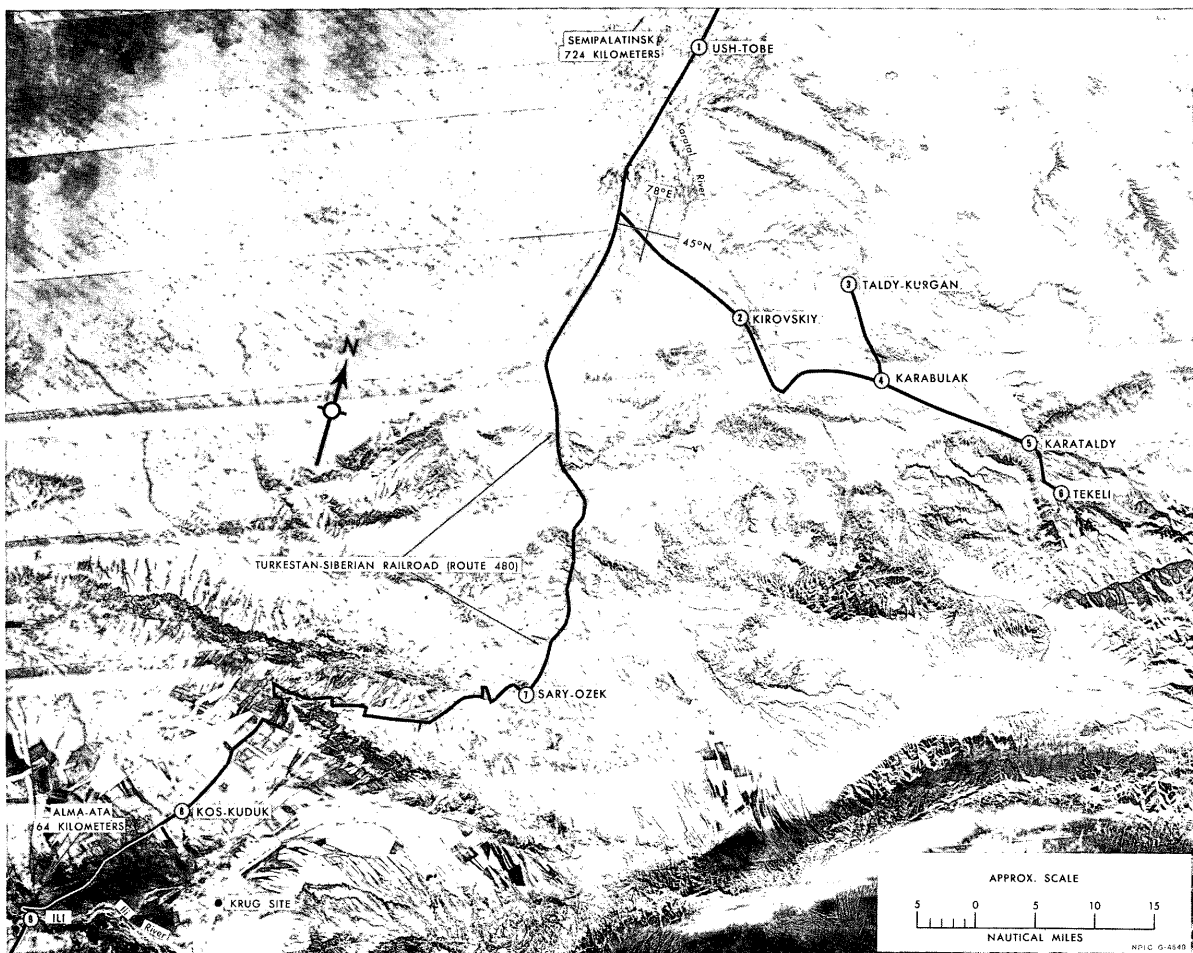


FIGURE 2. USH-TOBE--ILI SECTION OF TURKESTAN-SIBERIAN RAILROAD.

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4. KARABULAK Sugar refinery.

5. KARATALDY

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6. TEKELI

Lead and zinc mining area. The locations of the lead and zinc plant [REDACTED] and power plant [REDACTED] reported to be in this area could not be confirmed from a study of KEYHOLE photography. These plants are probably located at Karataldy, 6 km to the northwest, where industrial plants are evident.

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7. SARY-OZEK

RR station, yards and shops (see CIA/PIC/B-1005/61, Jun 61, S/Noform [REDACTED] Downgrading Prohibited) POL storage, 14 tanks. Grain elevator and warehouses. Military barracks and training area.

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8. KOS-KUDUK

RR station, yards and shops (see CIA/PIC/B-1003/61, Jun 61, S/Noform [REDACTED] Downgrading Prohibited).

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9. ILI

POL storage, 11 tanks. River port and warehouse storage area. Krug site [REDACTED] 15 nm NE of Ili. An associated barracks and support area is located 2 nm NW of the Krug site. (see Air Force Summary PI report, T-58-7, May 58, TSC).

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